

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class is an introduction to *Biblical Hebrew,* in order to read and interpret the Old Testament as a foundation for Bible study and exegesis. God's Word remains the same. The problem is that the languages into which the Bible is translated are living languages where word meanings are not static. Knowledge of Hebrew will enable the student to proclaim God's Word with confidence.

The return to Hebrew and Greek study was one of the primary fuels for the Reformation. There will always remain a need for the study of Hebrew as we continually seek to go "Ad Fontes (to the sources)" to avoid misinterpreting God's Word and to correct those who twist it for their own purposes.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

One of the following:

- Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. Old Testament Hebrew Vocabulary Cards 2nd edition.
- Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. Basics of Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Audio.
- Clements, Curtis. *Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary*. (\$3.99 App)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. Zondervan Get an A! Study Guides: Biblical Hebrew.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will:

- 1. Begin to master the elements of Hebrew grammar and syntax.
- 2. Master Hebrew nouns and pronouns.
- 3. Master "Qal" verbs as a foundation for the rest of the Hebrew verbal system.

4. Build towards a basic Hebrew vocabulary of 527 common Hebrew words (across both semesters).

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Workbook Assignments – 25%

• The student will complete their workbook assignments and be prepared to go through them in the class following the one in which the grammar was covered (e.g. workbook assignment from chapter 3 will be discussed in the same class period as the grammar for chapter 4). The workbook assignments are also excellent quiz preparation.

Quizzes - 35%

- There will be a quiz for most of the chapters covered in class (see schedule for specifics). The quizzes will cover the grammar and vocabulary for each chapter. They will take place at the beginning of the class period following the one where the grammar was covered.
- Vocabulary and grammar review is **required daily**. Students should plan to devote an hour every day to the study of Hebrew whether an assignment is due or not (this will make the quizzes and exams a breeze!).

Midterm Exam - 20%

• An exam covering the noun system of Hebrew (Ch. 1-11)

DUE: November 4th, 2022

Final Exam - 20%

• An exam incorporating the grammar of Chapters 12-19.

DUE: Exam Week

GRADING

 Assignments:
 25%

 Quizzes:
 35%

 Midterm Exam:
 20%

 Final Exam:
 20%

 TOTAL:
 100%

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations,* 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. (See NBC Sample Paper - 2022.) Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

GREEK I CLASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Subject	Reading	Written
9/20	Syllabus Review & Alphabet	Ch. 1	
9/23	Vowels	Ch. 2	Ch. 1 Quiz & WB
9/27	Syllabification & Pronunciation	Ch. 3	Ch. 2 Quiz & WB
10/4	Nouns	Ch. 4	Ch. 3 Quiz & WB
10/7	Definite Article & Conjunction	Ch. 5	Ch. 4 Quiz & WB
10/11	Prepositions	Ch. 6	Ch. 5 Quiz & WB
10/14	Adjectives	Ch. 7	Ch. 6 Quiz & WB
10/18	Pronouns	Ch. 8	Ch. 7 Quiz & WB
10/21	Pronominal Suffixes	Ch. 9	Ch. 8 Quiz & WB
10/25	Construct Chain	Ch. 10	Ch. 9 Quiz & WB
10/28	Numbers	Ch. 11	Ch. 10 Quiz & WB
11/1	Introduction to Verbs	Ch. 12	Ch. 11 Quiz & WB
11/4	Midterm Exam (Noun System)		
11/7-11	READING BREAK		
11/15	Qal Perfect Strong Verbs	Ch. 13	Ch. 12 Quiz & WB
11/18	Qal Perfect Weak Verbs	Ch. 14	Ch. 13 Quiz & R#3
11/22	Qal Imperfect Strong Verbs	Ch. 15	Ch. 14 Quiz & WB
11/25	Qal Imperfect Weak Verbs	Ch. 16	Ch. 15 Quiz & WB
12/2	Waw Consecutive	Ch. 17	Ch. 16 Quiz & WB
12/6	Qal Imperative	Ch. 18	Ch. 17 Quiz & WB
12/9	Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs	Ch. 19	Ch. 18 Quiz & WB
12/14-16	Final Exam		